Works—Panchayat Department.

220. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works undertaken by the Panchayat Department in the years 1104, 1105 and 1106 for which no provision was made in the budget with the amount spent for each item?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A list containing the particulars is appended. (*Vide Appendix VI*).

Contract between Mr. Paul and the Malayalam Improvement Committee.

221. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state why the contract between Mr. Paul and the Malayalam Improvement Committee is kept confidential by the Government; are there other such documents which are kept confidential; if so, what are they?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Since it was a private undertaking between the Committee and its publisher, Government thought no public purpose would be served by publishing the agreement.

None, so far as the Malayalam Improvement Committee is concerned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why is the contract with Paul kept confidential? Government says that no public purpose will be served. So does it mean that it is confidential?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The word 'confidential' has several connotations. I do not know what the Hon'ble Member means.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Once they said that since it is confidential, it will not be published. Now they say no public purpose will be served. So, is it because it is confidential or is it because no public purpose will be served that it is not published?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I cannot answer this question using the word confidential. I can answer only in the terms which the Government have used.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What I mean is are there any other documents not regarding the Malayalam Improvement Committee, which are kept confidential by Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—To what else is the Hon'ble Member referring?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—That the Government have understood my question is clear from the answer. May I know whether there are other contracts—not between the Malayalam Improvement Committee and Mr. Paul?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There will be several other contracts made by the respective Departments of Government between several private persons.

Donation to Central Co-operative Institute.

222. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any amount is allowed for the Central Co-operative Institute, Trichur, for propaganda work, if so, what is the amount; how is the amount spent; the names of persons who drew the amount in 1105 and 1106 and what is the work actually done;

(b) is any amount granted to the Economic Development Committee for Economic Survey of the State; if so, how much and how was it spent in 1105 and 1106 and what was the work actually done; has the survey of the condition in 1105 and 1106 revealed any defects in the economic condition of the places; if so, what are they; if any remedy is suggested or brought into action, what is it;

(c) what is the total amount spent as T.A. for the Members of the Economic Development Committee in each of the years 1105 and 1106;

(d) what is the total amount spent for the Economic Development Committee till now;

(e) has any actual development been made in the economic condition of the people in the State, because of the suggestion of this Committee up till now; if so, what are they?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. Rs. 300 in 1106. No grant was paid in 1105. The amount is spent for the purchase of lantern slides and for running magazines. The Honorary Secretary drew the amount. Thirteen lectures till now have been given.

(b) Yes. Rs. 400 in 1105. No grant was given this year. The amount given in 1105 is spent for Economic Survey at Elankulam and for further prosecution and completion of the survey at Thoosam. The survey is not yet completed and therefore the results are not known.

(c) Rs. 297—13—0 in 1105. Rs. 355—13—0 for the first 10 months in 1106.

(d) Rs 9,170—5—9 till the 1st Mithunam in 1106.

(e) Yes. But they are not susceptible of enumeration.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(e) May I know whether any general information can be given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Committee's recommendations will have a direct and indirect effect on the economic well-being of the State. The Committee can give several useful

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